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#### RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 6, 2006, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the accompanying remarks. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to file this response, extending the due date for response to March 6, 2007. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for the extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) to the account of Barnes & Thornburg. Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter 3220-74581. Applicants believe that no other fees are required with this response. If additional fees are required, the Commissioner is

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Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.